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I. Provisional agenda

The provisional agenda of the Economic and Social Council for its substantive session of 2012 has been drawn up on the basis of the list of items approved by the Council at its organizational session for 2012 (Council decision 2012/204).

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(h) International cooperation in tax matters;

(i) Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions;

(j) Cartography;

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(a) Advancement of women;

(b) Social development;

(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice;

(d) Narcotic drugs;

(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

(f) Comprehensive implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action;

(g) Human rights;

(h) Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues;

(i) Genetic privacy and non-discrimination.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

At its organizational session for 2012, the Council approved the provisional agenda for its substantive session (Council decision 2012/204).

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda for the substantive session of 2012 (E/2012/100)

Proposed programme of work for the substantive session of 2012

Status of documentation for the substantive session of 2012

A. High-level segment

2. High-level segment

(a) High-level policy dialogue with international financial and trade institutions

In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 48/162 and 61/16, the Council will hold a high-level policy dialogue with the executive heads of international financial and trade institutions on current developments in the world economy during its high-level segment.

Documentation

World Economic and Social Survey, 2012 (E/2012/50)

World Economic Situation and Prospects, 2012 and mid-2012 update

(b) Development Cooperation Forum

Pursuant to paragraph 155 (b) of General Assembly resolution 60/1, entitled "2005 World Summit Outcome", and paragraph 5 of Assembly resolution 61/16, on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council, the Council will hold its biennial high-level Development Cooperation Forum to review trends in international development cooperation, including strategies, policies and financing, promote greater coherence among the development activities of different development partners and strengthen the links between the normative and operational work of the United Nations.

The Development Cooperation Forum will consider an analytical background report prepared by the Secretary-General on a review of trends and progress in international development cooperation (Assembly resolution 61/16).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on trends and progress in international development cooperation

World Economic and Social Survey, 2012 (E/2012/50)

Relevant part of the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (E/2012/15 and relevant addenda)

(c) Annual ministerial review

Theme: "Promoting productive capacity, employment and decent work to eradicate poverty in the context of inclusive, sustainable and equitable economic growth at all levels for achieving the Millennium Development Goals"

Pursuant to paragraph 155 of General Assembly resolution 60/1, entitled "2005 World Summit Outcome", and paragraph 10 of Assembly resolution 61/16, on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council, the Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the theme of the annual ministerial review (Council decision 2011/208). The report will incorporate inputs from a number of relevant United Nations entities and will also provide policy recommendations for consideration by the Council.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on promoting productive capacity, employment and decent work to eradicate poverty in the context of inclusive, sustainable and equitable economic growth at all levels for achieving the Millennium Development Goals

Relevant part of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its fourteenth session (New York, 12-16 March 2012) (E/2012/33) (Council resolution 1998/46)

(d) Thematic discussion

Theme: "Macroeconomic policies for productive capacity, employment creation, sustainable development and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, in the context of sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth in pursuit of poverty eradication"

Pursuant to paragraphs 155 and 156 of the 2005 World Summit Outcome, the General Assembly, in its resolution 61/16, decided that the Council should continue to promote global dialogue, inter alia, through strengthening existing arrangements, including a thematic discussion on a theme from the economic, social and related fields to be decided by the Council and informed by a report of the Secretary-General.

Pursuant to Council decision 2012/207, the theme for the thematic discussion at its substantive session of 2012 will be "Macroeconomic policies for productive capacity, employment creation, sustainable development and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, in the context of sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth in pursuit of poverty eradication".

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on macroeconomic policies for productive capacity, employment creation, sustainable development and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, in the context of sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth in pursuit of poverty eradication

Relevant part of the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (E/2012/15 and relevant addenda)

B. Operational activities segment

3. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

The Council, in its decision 2011/215, decided to defer its consideration of the report of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation on its seventeenth session to a session of the Council in 2012.

The General Assembly, in its resolution 66/219, decided to hold the seventeenth session of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation from 22 to 25 May 2012, preceded by an organizational meeting on 3 May 2012 to elect the President and Bureau of the seventeenth session of the High-level Committee.

Documentation

Report of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation on its seventeenth session (3 and 22-25 May 2012) (A/66/39)[1]

[1] Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.

(a) Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council

The General Assembly, in its resolution 63/232, requested the Secretary-General to report, in the context of his annual report on the implementation of resolution 62/208, on measures taken in response to paragraph 16 of resolution 63/232, bearing in mind the provisions of that resolution, and including feedback from Member States on ways to achieve the aims contained therein, and decided to change the comprehensive policy review of operational activities from a triennial to a quadrennial cycle in order to better provide policy guidance to the United Nations funds and programmes and the specialized agencies, and in that regard decided to hold its next comprehensive policy review in 2012 and subsequent reviews on a quadrennial basis.

The General Assembly, in its resolution 64/289, requested the Secretary-General to include information on all existing multi-donor trust funds and thematic trust funds, including information on their mandates, performance and governance structures, in the annual report on financial statistics to the Economic and Social Council, with a view to further improving the participation of Member States in their governance, and also requested that future reporting on funding for the United Nations development system more clearly distinguish between funding for development and funding for humanitarian activities, and better differentiate self-supporting contributions from other non-core funding flows.

The General Assembly, in its resolution 64/220, requested the Secretary-General to postpone to its sixty-seventh session the submission, through the Economic and Social Council, of the comprehensive analysis of the implementation of Assembly resolution 62/208 to be prepared in accordance with the guidance contained in paragraph 143 thereof.

The Council, in its resolution 2011/7, requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, through the Council, a comprehensive report on the analysis of the implementation of Assembly resolution 62/208 and a report on the analysis of funding of operational activities for development, as well as to submit directly to the Assembly a report with recommendations for the quadrennial comprehensive policy review. The Council also requested the Secretary-General to pay particular attention to a number of issues, in the report for the 2012 quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, including taking into consideration the findings of the independent evaluation of "Delivering as one" as well as the reports of the country-led evaluations.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Report of the Secretary-General on analysis of the funding of operational activities for development of the United Nations system for 2010[1]

(b) Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/ United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, and the World Food Programme

The Council will have before it the annual reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, and the World Food Programme (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, 62/208 and 64/289, and Council resolutions 1995/51 and 2010/23).

The Council requested the funds and programmes, through their executive boards, to include in their annual reports to the Council: (a) a section outlining measures taken in the implementation of the provisions of the quadrennial policy review of operational activities; and (b) a section on the activities and measures undertaken within the designated theme of the high-level meeting of the operational activities segment (General Assembly resolutions 62/208, 63/232 and 64/289, and Council resolutions 1994/33 and 2010/23).

The reports include a thorough analysis of problems encountered and lessons learned, with emphasis on issues arising from the implementation of the reform programme of the Secretary-General, the comprehensive policy review and the follow-up to international conferences, so as to allow the Council to fulfil its coordinating role (General Assembly resolution 48/162, annex, 53/192, 62/208 and 65/176, and Council resolutions 1995/51 and 2010/23).

Documentation

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/ United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services on its work during 2011 (E/2011/35)

Report to the Council of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Directors of the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services (E/2012/5)

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on the work of its first regular, annual and second regular sessions of 2011 (E/2012/34 (Part I) and (Part II)); and its first regular and annual sessions of 2012 (E/2012/34 (Part I)/Add.1)

Annual report to the Council of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its first regular session of 2012 (E/2012/6)

Annual report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on the first and second regular sessions and annual session of 2011 (E/2012/36)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme for 2011 (E/2012/14)

C. Coordination segment

4. The role of the United Nations system in implementing the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the 2011 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council

The Council, in paragraph 10 of its resolution 2008/29, requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on measures taken to implement the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the Council for consideration by the Council at the coordination segment of its substantive session of the following year.

The Council, in paragraph 10 of its resolution 2009/29, requested the Secretary-General to prepare, taking into account the views of Member States, a report on the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of relevant General Assembly resolutions,[2] including resolution 61/16, which should additionally include recommendations on the periodicity of future reports, and to submit the report for consideration at its 2010 substantive session. In its decision 2010/252, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Council in that matter (A/65/84-E/2010/90), and decided that the scope and periodicity of future reports of the Secretary-General on the subject should be reviewed in connection with the review by the Assembly of the implementation of resolution 61/16. The Assembly did not take a decision on the matter. At its substantive session of 2011, the Council, in its decision 2011/216, decided to request that the Secretary-General prepare a note containing recommendations on the periodicity and scope of future reports on the topic for consideration at its substantive session of 2012.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the United Nations system in implementing the ministerial declaration of the 2011 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council

Note by the Secretary-General on the scope and periodicity of reports on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits

6. Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits

(a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Council's attention is drawn to General Assembly resolution 66/191, in which the Assembly requested the President of the Economic and Social Council to organize a special event on innovative mechanisms of financing for development with the participation of relevant stakeholders during the substantive session of 2012 of the Council.

In its resolution 2011/38, the Council stressed the need to further improve the dialogue between Member States and representatives of the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development during the special high-level meeting of the Council, as part

[2] 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B and 60/265.

of a forum for multi-stakeholder dialogue, and requested the President of the Council to seek a more interactive, dynamic and substantive discussion on key issues related to the financing for development framework. It also welcomed the efforts undertaken to give more prominence to the consideration of the agenda item on financing for development during the annual substantive session of the Council, including the allocation of the item to its coordination segment. In this connection, the Council stressed its resolve to continue improving those modalities in accordance with its resolutions 2009/30 and 2010/26.

In its resolution 2011/37, the Council requested the Secretary-General, in coordination with the International Labour Organization, to assess and review job-intensive investment and strategies and to report to the Council at its substantive session of 2012, with a view to supporting job creation and promoting sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth. In its decision 2011/208, the Council decided that the theme of its 2012 annual ministerial review would be "Promoting productive capacity, employment and decent work to eradicate poverty in the context of inclusive, sustainable and equitable economic growth at all levels for achieving the Millennium Development Goals". The report of the Secretary-General on the theme of the annual ministerial review provides a review and assessment of the strategies followed and progress achieved in the Global Jobs Pact in supporting job creation and promoting sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth, as requested by the Council in its resolution 2011/37.

Documentation

Summary by the President of the Council of the special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

D. Humanitarian affairs segment

5. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

At its organizational session for 2012, the Council decided that the theme of the humanitarian affairs segment for its substantive session of 2012 would be "Working in partnership to strengthen coordination of humanitarian assistance in a changing world" [to be adopted at the resumed organizational session on 26-27 April 2012] (General Assembly resolution 52/12 B and Council decisions 1999/208 and 2012/___).

In its resolution 66/119, the General Assembly requested the Emergency Relief Coordinator to continue her efforts to strengthen the coordination and accountability of humanitarian assistance and leadership within the United Nations humanitarian response system and called upon relevant United Nations organizations and other relevant intergovernmental organizations, as well as other humanitarian and development actors, to continue to work with the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat to enhance the coordination, effectiveness and efficiency of humanitarian assistance.

The General Assembly also requested the Secretary-General to continue strengthening the support provided to United Nations resident/humanitarian coordinators and to United Nations country teams, including by providing necessary

training, identifying resources and improving the identification of and the selection process for United Nations resident/humanitarian coordinators, and enhancing their performance accountability, and to report on actions taken to enable the United Nations to continue to strengthen its ability to recruit and deploy staff quickly and flexibly, to procure emergency relief materials and services rapidly, cost-effectively and locally, where applicable, and to quickly disburse funds in order to support Governments and United Nations country teams in the coordination of international humanitarian assistance. The Assembly further requested the Secretary-General to report to it at its sixty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2012, on progress made in strengthening the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations and to submit a report to the Assembly on the detailed use of the Central Emergency Response Fund (see also Council resolution 2011/8).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations[1]

E. General segment

6. Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits

The Council, in paragraph 10 of its resolution 2009/29, requested the Secretary-General to prepare, taking into account the views of Member States, a report on the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of relevant General Assembly resolutions,[2] including resolution 61/16, which should additionally include recommendations on the periodicity of future reports, and to submit the report for consideration at its substantive session of 2010. In its decision 2010/252, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Council in that matter (A/65/84-E/2010/90), and decided that the scope and periodicity of future reports of the Secretary-General on the subject should be reviewed in connection with the review by the Assembly of the implementation of resolution 61/16. The Assembly did not take a decision on the matter. At its substantive session of 2011, the Council, in its decision 2011/216, requested the Secretary-General to prepare a note containing recommendations on the periodicity and scope of future reports on the topic for consideration at its substantive session of 2012.

In its decision 2011/217, the Council invited the Chair of the Committee on World Food Security to transmit to the Council annually, starting in 2012, a report on the main decisions and policy recommendations made as well as the results achieved by the Committee in the area of food security and nutrition, in accordance with its new roles and vision.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits (see also under items 8 and 13)

Report of the Chair of the Committee on World Food Security on the main decisions and policy recommendations made as well as the results achieved in the area of food security and nutrition

(a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

See also under item 6 (a).

(b) Review and coordination of the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020

At its sixty-sixth session, the General Assembly, in its resolution 66/213, requested the Secretary-General to submit a progress report on the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 to the Assembly at its sixty-seventh session.

At its substantive session of 2011, the Council, in its resolution 2011/9, requested the Secretary-General to submit a progress report on the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 to the Council at its substantive session of 2012.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020[1]

Relevant part of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its fourteenth session (E/2012/33)

7. Coordination, programme and other questions

(a) Reports of coordination bodies

The United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination will submit an annual overview report to the Council (Council resolution 13 (III)), which will provide the Council with a summary of the work carried out by the Board machinery in 2011/2012 (Council decision 2001/321).

The report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its fifty-second session (New York, 4-29 June) will include the Committee's views on its consideration of the report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (General Assembly resolution 31/93 and Council resolution 2008 (LX)).

Documentation

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2011/12

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its fifty-second session (A/67/16)

(b) Proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015

In accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Secretary-General will circulate the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015

covering activities in the economic, social and human rights fields. The Council will consider the relevant sections of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 (General Assembly resolution 58/269 and Council resolution 1988/77).

Documentation

Relevant sections of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 (see relevant fascicles of A/67/6)

(c) International cooperation in the field of informatics

No request for advance documentation

(d) Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

The General Assembly, in its resolution 62/137, requested the Secretary-General to continue to report annually on the follow-up to and progress made in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session, with an assessment of progress in gender mainstreaming, including information on key achievements, lessons learned and good practices, and recommendations on further measures to enhance implementation.

At its substantive session of 2011, the Council, in its resolution 2011/6, requested the Secretary-General to submit, at its substantive session of 2012, a report on the implementation of the resolution, with particular emphasis on progress in promoting system-wide accountability on gender equality and the empowerment of women at both the global and country levels.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

(e) Long-term programme of support for Haiti

At its substantive session of 2010, the Council, in its resolution 2010/28, decided to extend the mandate of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti until the substantive session of the Council in 2012, with the purpose of closely following and providing advice on Haiti's long-term development strategy to promote post-disaster socio-economic recovery, stability and reconstruction, with particular attention to the need to ensure coherence and sustainability in international support for Haiti, based on the long-term national development priorities, as contained in the Government's Action Plan for the Reconstruction and National Development of Haiti, and stressed the need to avoid overlap and duplication with respect to existing mechanisms.

The Council, in its decision 2011/268, requested the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti to report on its activities in support of the recovery, reconstruction and development of the country, with recommendations, as appropriate, to the Council for its consideration at its substantive session of 2012.

Documentation

Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti

(f) African countries emerging from conflict

At its substantive session of 2011, the Council, in its resolution 2011/43, requested the Secretary-General to report, at its substantive session of 2012, on how the United Nations development system was implementing integrated, coherent and coordinated support to South Sudan, consistent with national priorities while ensuring clarity of roles and responsibilities in the implementation of United Nations operational activities.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of integrated, coherent and coordinated support to South Sudan

(g) Tobacco or health

At its substantive session of 2010, the Council, in its resolution 2010/8, requested the Secretary-General, in consultation with and with the support of the World Health Organization, to convene a meeting of the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control, in accordance with paragraph 50 (h) of the report of the Secretary-General (E/2010/55 and Corr.1), to discuss further strengthening of the multisectorial and inter-agency response to the global tobacco epidemic and to report thereon to the Council. In the same resolution, the Council also requested the Secretary-General to report on the work of the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control at its substantive session of 2012.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control

8. Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B and 60/265

At its substantive session of 2011, the Council, in its decision 2011/216, requested the Secretary-General to prepare a note containing recommendations on the periodicity and scope of future reports on the topic for consideration at its substantive session of 2012.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the scope and periodicity of reports on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits (see also under items 6 and 13)

9. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Assistance to the Palestinian people. At its sixty-third session, in 1977, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to it annual reports on the question of assistance to the Palestinian people (Council resolution 2100 (LXIII)).

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations. At its sixty-sixth session, the General Assembly, in its resolution 66/84, and the Council, at its substantive session of 2011, in its resolution 2011/40, requested the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and international and regional organizations to examine and review conditions in each Non-Self-Governing Territory so as to take appropriate measures to accelerate progress in the economic and social sectors of those Territories, and also requested the specialized agencies and other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and regional organizations to strengthen existing measures of support and to formulate appropriate programmes of assistance for the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories, within the framework of their respective mandates, in order to accelerate progress in the economic and social sectors of those Territories.

In the same resolutions, the General Assembly and the Council respectively requested the Chair of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the President of the Economic and Social Council to continue to maintain close contact with each other on those matters. The Council also requested the President to report to it thereon. In addition, the Council requested the Secretary-General to follow up on the implementation of the resolution, paying particular attention to cooperation and integration arrangements for maximizing the efficiency of the assistance activities undertaken by various organizations of the United Nations system and to report thereon to the Council at its substantive session of 2012.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people

Report of the Secretary-General on support to Non-Self-Governing Territories by the specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations

Report of the President of the Council on consultations held with the Chair of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

10. Regional cooperation

The Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation and take the necessary action on the decisions and recommendations of the regional commissions contained therein. The report will bring to the attention of the Council any decisions or recommendations of the regional commissions that statutorily require its approval. The Council will also have before it the summaries

of the surveys of regional economic and social conditions prepared by the regional commissions, highlighting the main problems and prospects of those regions (General Assembly resolution 1823 (XVII) and Council resolution 1817 (LV) and decision 1979/1).

The Council decided that the theme for the item on regional cooperation would be "Regional perspectives on youth and development" [to be adopted at the resumed organizational session on 26 and 27 April 2012] (Council decision 2012/__).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (E/2012/15 and addenda)

The economic situation in the Economic Commission for Europe region: Europe, North America and the Commonwealth of Independent States (E/2012/16)

Overview of the economic and social conditions in Africa, 2012 (E/2012/17)

Summary of the *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific, 2012* (E/2012/18)

Latin America and the Caribbean: economic situation and outlook (E/2012/19)

Summary of the survey of economic and social developments in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia region (E/2012/20)

11. Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

At its substantive session of 2011, the Council, in paragraph 16 of its resolution 2011/41, requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session, through the Council, a report on the implementation of the resolution and to continue to include in the report of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General to the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Palestinian Authority an update on the living conditions of the Palestinian people, in collaboration with relevant United Nations agencies.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan[1]

12. Non-governmental organizations

Pursuant to its resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and decision 1995/304, the Council will consider the reports of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on the work of its regular and resumed sessions of 2012 (30 January-8 February and 17 February, and 21-30 May and 8 June 2012). The dates of and provisional agenda for the 2012 sessions of the Committee were approved by the Council in its decision 2011/233.

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2012 regular session (E/2012/32 (Part I))

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its resumed 2012 session (E/2012/32 (Part II))

13. Economic and environmental questions

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the scope and periodicity of future reports on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits (Council decision 2011/216) (see also under items 6 and 8)

(a) Sustainable development

The Council will have before it the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its fourteenth session (New York, 12-16 March 2012) (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1998/46).

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its fourteenth session (E/2012/33)

(b) Science and technology for development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its fifteenth session (Geneva, 21-25 May 2012) (General Assembly resolutions 46/235, annex, and 56/182). The provisional agenda and documentation for the fifteenth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2011/240.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its fifteenth session (E/2012/31)

(c) Statistics

The Council will have before it the report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-third session (New York, 28 February-2 March 2012) (Council resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II) and 1566 (L)). The venue and dates of and provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-third session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2011/245.

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-third session (E/2012/24)

(d) Human settlements

The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda (Council resolution 2011/21).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda

(e) Environment

The Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme reports to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council (Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII), sect. I, para. 3). The Governing Council meets in regular sessions every two years and in special sessions in alternate years (General Assembly resolution 53/242).

The Council will therefore have before it the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twelfth special session (Nairobi, 20-22 February 2012).

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twelfth special session (A/67/25)[1]

(f) Population and development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Population and Development on its forty-fifth session (New York, 23-27 April 2012) (General Assembly resolution 49/128). The provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-fifth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2011/247.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its forty-fifth session (E/2012/25)

(g) Public administration and development

The Council will have before it the report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its eleventh session (New York, 16-20 April 2012) (Council resolutions 2001/45 and 2003/60). The venue and dates of and provisional agenda for the eleventh session of the Committee were approved by the Council in its decision 2011/252.

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its eleventh session (E/2012/44)

(h) International cooperation in tax matters

Pursuant to its resolution 2011/23, the Council held, on 15 March 2012, a one-day meeting to consider international cooperation in tax matters, including institutional arrangements to promote such cooperation. The Council had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the role and work of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters.

The Council will have before it the report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its seventh session (Geneva, 24-28 October 2011) (Council resolution 2004/69). The venue and dates of and provisional agenda for the seventh session of the Committee were approved by the Council in its decision 2011/253.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the role and work of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (E/2012/8)

Report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its seventh session (E/2011/45)

(i) Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

No request for advance documentation

(j) Cartography

At its substantive session of 2011, the Council decided to establish the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management, in accordance with the terms of reference contained in the annex to its resolution 2011/24. The Council will therefore have before it the reports of the Committee on the work of its first (Seoul, 26 October 2011) and second (New York, 13-15 August 2012) sessions.

The Council will also have before it the report of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names on its twenty-seventh session (30 July and 10 August 2012) (Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV)). The provisional agenda for the twenty-seventh session of the Group of Experts was approved by the Council in its decision 2011/251. The venue and dates for the twenty-seventh session of the Group of Experts was approved by the Council in its decision 2012/209.

The Council will also have before it the report of the Tenth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names (31 July-9 August 2012) (Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV)). The provisional agenda for the Tenth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names was approved by the Council in its decision 2011/251. The venue and dates for the tenth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names was approved by the Council in its decision 2012/209.

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management on the work of its first session

Report of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management on the work of its second session

Report of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names on the work of its twenty-seventh session

Report of the Tenth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names

(k) Women and development

The Council will have before it relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-sixth session (New York, 27 February-9 March 2012) (General Assembly resolution 42/178 and Council resolution 1987/24).

Documentation

Relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-sixth session (E/2012/27)

14. Social and human rights questions

(a) Advancement of women

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-sixth session (New York, 27 February-9 March 2012) (Council resolutions 11 (II), 1987/22 and 1996/6). The provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-sixth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2011/241.

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 34/180, annex). Under article 21 of the Convention, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women shall report annually on its activities to the General Assembly through the Council and may make suggestions and general recommendations based on the examination of reports and information received from the States parties to the Convention.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-sixth session (E/2012/27)

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the results of the forty-ninth and fiftieth sessions of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (E/2012/4)[1]

(b) Social development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission for Social Development on its fiftieth session (New York, 1-10 February 2012) (Council resolutions 10 (II), 1139 (XLI) and 1996/7). The provisional agenda and documentation for the fiftieth session of the Commission was approved by the Council in its decision 2011/255.

At its substantive session of 2011, the Council, in its resolution 2011/29, requested the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its sixty-

seventh session, on the implementation of the resolution, including a description of the state of preparation for the observance of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family, at all levels.

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its fiftieth session (E/2012/26)

Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for and observance of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2014 (A/67/61-E/2012/3)[1]

(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its reconvened twentieth session (Vienna, 12 and 13 December 2011) (Council decisions 2009/251 and 2011/259).

The Council will also have before it the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its twenty-first session (Vienna, 23-27 April 2012) (Council resolution 1992/1 and decision 1993/242). The provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-first session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2011/257.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its reconvened twentieth session (E/2011/30/Add.1)

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its twenty-first session (E/2012/30)

(d) Narcotic drugs

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its reconvened fifty-fourth session (Vienna, 12 and 13 December 2011) (Council decisions 2009/251 and 2011/259).

The Council will also have before it the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its fifty-fifth session (Vienna, 12-16 March 2012) (Council resolutions 9 (I) and 1991/39). The provisional agenda for the fifty-fifth session of the Commission was approved by the Council in its decision 2011/261.

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2011. In accordance with article 15, paragraph 1, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 18, paragraph 1, of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances and article 23, paragraph 1, of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, the Board will report to the Council, through the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, on its work for 2011.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its reconvened fifty-fourth session (E/2011/28/Add.1)

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its fifty-fifth session (E/2012/28)

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2011 (E/INCB/2011/1)

(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

In its resolution 58/153, the General Assembly decided that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees should make an annual oral report to the Council to keep it informed of the coordination aspects of the work of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and should continue the existing practice, as established in paragraph 11 of its statute (Assembly resolution 428 (V), annex), of presenting an annual written report to the Assembly.

Documentation

Oral report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

(f) Comprehensive implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

No request for advance documentation

(g) Human rights

At its resumed substantive session of 2011, in its decision 2011/279, the Council further deferred its consideration of the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its forty-fourth and forty-fifth sessions to its substantive session of 2012.

The Council will also have before it the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its 2011 sessions (Geneva, 2-20 May 2011 and 14 November-2 December 2011) (Council resolutions 1988 (LX), 1985/17 and 1995/39).

The Council will also have before it the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141).

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its forty-fourth and forty-fifth sessions (E/2011/22)

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its 2011 sessions (E/2012/22)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights[1]

(h) Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

The Council will have before it the report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its eleventh session (7-18 May 2012) (Council resolution 2000/22). The venue and dates of and provisional agenda for the eleventh session of the Forum were approved by the Council in its decisions 2011/267 and 2011/277.

Documentation

Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its eleventh session (E/2012/43)

(i) Genetic privacy and non-discrimination

At its substantive session of 2011, the Council, in its decision 2011/242, took note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on genetic privacy and non-discrimination (E/2011/108), invite the Inter-Agency Committee on Bioethics to continue to regularly address the issue of genetic privacy and non-discrimination in order to identify areas calling for concerted or joint efforts and address major gaps and constraints affecting enhanced cooperation in the field.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on genetic privacy and non-discrimination (E/2011/108)